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*Report of the Mappilla rebellion.*

222 *Q.*—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the history of the recent Mappilla rebellion in Malabar for writing which Mr. Hitchcock, Superintendent of Police, was placed on special duty has been published;

(*b*) when the book will be available for the public; and

(*c*) how many copies were printed and how much it has cost, including the author's salary for the period he was employed on special duty?

*A.*—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Mr. Hitchcock's book is intended only for official use. The Government are, however, contemplating the publication of an abridged edition for sale to the public and until this point has been decided they cannot state what the total cost of the publication will amount to.

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"May I know if the Officer on special duty has submitted his report to the Government?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"The Government have received the manuscript from the Special Officer, and it is in the press."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN:—"May I know what the price of a copy of the report will come to?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I do not think the price has been fixed.

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to give a copy to the Legislative Council library?

(No answer.)

## Military.

*The Indian Territorial Force.*

223 *Q.*—Mr. M. RATNASWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) in what manner and to what extent the Madras Government have so far encouraged the formation of Indian Territorial Force units in the Presidency;

(2) the present strength of the Indian Territorial Force in the Presidency; and

(3) the parts of the Madras Presidency where these units have been formed?

*A.*—(1) The Government have provided an Indian Territorial Force Advisory Committee as required by the Act. The Government, in addition to requiring Collectors to lend all possible assistance to the Military officers charged with the raising of the territorial units, have placed facilities in the way of Government servants joining the Force, subject to the requirements of the service and the responsibilities which service entails, and have agreed to pay those who join the difference between their military and civil pay during training when the latter is higher than the former.